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Housing Bill Offers Accessibility for Disabled

Schakowsky Legislation Seeks "Fairness" and "Common Sense" for Mobility-Impaired

WASHINGTON, DC (March 10, 2009) – People with mobility impairments should have the

- Include at least one accessible ("zero step") entrance into the home
- Ensure all doorways on the main floor have a minimum of 32 inches of clearance
- Build at least one wheelchair accessible bathroom on the main floor
- Place electrical and climate controls (such as light switches and thermostats) at accessible heights

The legislation applies to new construction. Residents who develop disabilities after moving into existing